



British in the South Seas

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1. Existing family records/family trees
2. FamilySearch Research Wiki for country/island of residence
3. FamilySearch Catalog place search for country/island of residence
4. Broad search

South Seas British Holdings

Cook Islands

- 1821 – Missionaries from England among first European settlers
- 1881 – British protectorate
- 1901 – Part of New Zealand
- 1965 – Granted right to self-govern

Fiji

- 17th Century – Europeans began visiting
- 1874 – British colony
- 1970 – Independence

Kiribati (Gilbert Islands)

- 1892 – British protectorate
- 1979 – Independence

Nauru (Pleasant Island)

- Mandate territory after World War I
- Independence in 1968

Niue

- 1900 – British protectorate
- 1901 – Boundaries of New Zealand
- 1974 - Self-government granted

Papua New Guinea

1884 – British protectorate

1906 – Australian administration

1975 – Independence

Pitcairn Islands

1838 – British colony, still a British overseas territory

Solomon Islands

1893 – British protectorate (southern islands)

1978 – Independence

Tokelau (Union Islands)

1877 – British Empire

1889 – British protectorate

1926 – New Zealand territory

1994 – Granted self-governance

Tonga

1900 – British protectorate

1970 – Commonwealth

Tuvalu (Ellice Islands)

1892 – British protectorate

1978 – Commonwealth

Vanuatu (New Hebrides)

British-French Condominium

1980 – Republic of Vanuatu

Passenger Lists

- 1839-1973 *New Zealand Passenger Lists* on FamilySearch.org
- 1839-1924 *Australia Passenger Lists* on Familysearch.org
- 1878-1960 *UK and Ireland, Incoming Passenger Lists* at Ancestry.com, index and images
- 1890-1960 *Passenger Lists Leaving UK* at FamilySearch.org and Findmypast.com; index and images